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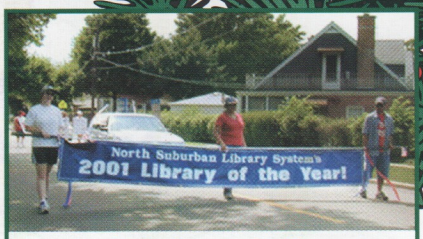
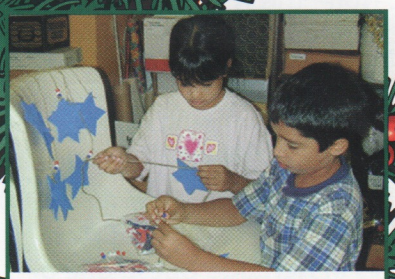


Fourth of July Parade: Staff members carry the banner proclaiming MGPL the North Suburban Library System's 2001 Library of the Year.

Happy Holidays from the Board and Staff of the Morton Grove Public Library!

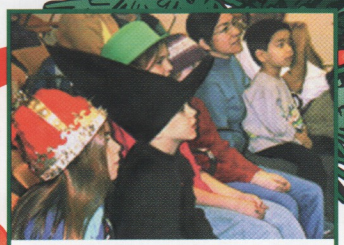
The photos in this holiday wreath show some of the people and programs that make this Library a warm and welcoming place for all ages. Many thanks to the volunteers who monitor movies, help with program registration and processing materials, prepare *Books & Beyond* for mailing, and other tasks. Our thanks to all who have donated money and books for the collection. Most of all, thank you to Library patrons who read books, attend programs, listen to recordings, watch videos, use computers, and search for information.



Frolicking Fridays this summer included crafts after family films.

June Lazarus and Judith Hindin read at the drop-in *Read to Me!*

Some attendees at *Lunchtime Videos.*



Audience members at the Mad Hatters Program in March.

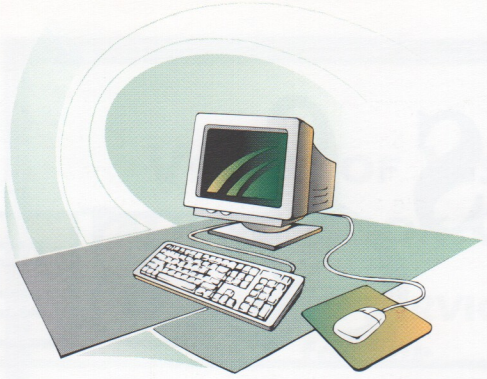
Volunteers perform many helpful tasks.

Computer Classes

Introduction to the Internet

Thursdays, November 7 & 14, at 7 pm

This introductory lecture/presentation by Jennifer Didier of Knowledge Alliance will include a brief background of the Internet, basic terminology, and the kinds of information available on the World Wide Web. Participants will visit a variety of useful and interesting Internet sites using Netscape. The class consists of two sessions to be held **Thursday, November 7, and Thursday, November 14, at 7 pm.** Note: this is not a hands-on class.



Seating is limited. Priority for registration is given to Morton Grove residents with a valid library card. Registration applies to both sessions; no separate registration will be taken for the second session. Non-residents may sign up on a waiting list and will be notified by phone if there is space available. Please sign up at the Reference Services Desk or call 965-4220 to register.

PowerPoint

Saturday, November 9, at 10 am

Jennifer Didier of Knowledge Alliance will present a class, Saturday, November 9, at 10 am, on PowerPoint 2002, including how to: create effective slide designs and pictures, use special effects and templates, and incorporate tips and tricks to maximize the power of PowerPoint.

Note: this is not a hands-on class. Priority will be given to Morton Grove residents with a valid Library card. Non-residents may sign up on the waiting list and will be notified by phone if there is space available.

Heritage Quest

Search census records from 1790-1930 as well as 25,000 family and local histories in Heritage Quest, one of many Library resources available from your home or office computer at www.webrary.org/ref/remotedb.html (Heritage Quest is in the "General" section of this page). The resources cover a wide range of subjects, including business, health, current events and encyclopedias. (Due to licensing restrictions, some resources are only available to Morton Grove Public Library cardholders.)

Cutting the Red Tape

Sunday, November 3, at 2 pm

Are you or a family member age 60 or older? You – or your family member – could be eligible for public benefits. The Red Tape Cutters, a benefits advocacy program, was created in 1996 to ensure that Illinois residents age 60+ are aware of government or public benefits, have help organizing paperwork and submitting applications, and receive sufficient explanations if and when benefits are denied.

Some of the benefits and services that will be discussed are:

- Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Medicare
- tax exemptions
- circuit breaker and tax relief
- help with prescription drug costs
- health and social services provided by the Village of Morton Grove

This program is co-sponsored by the Suburban Cook County Area Agency on Aging, Morton Grove Department of Family and Senior Services, Morton Grove Park District, and the Morton Grove Public Library. Join us at the Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., on Sunday, November 3, at 2 pm, for this important community information program. Seating is limited; registration is required.

Holiday Desserts with Chef Jonathan Bean

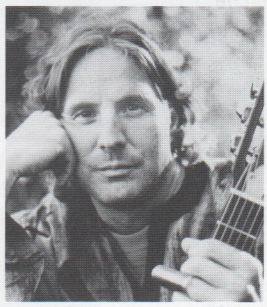
Monday, November 4, at 7 pm

The Chef @ Large, Jonathan Bean, has been cooking for 32 years and has also worked as a locksmith, cabdriver, bartender, soldier, and bookstore owner–specializing in cookbooks. In preparation for holiday feasts, Chef Jonathan will demonstrate how to prepare and roll out pie crusts, and how to make pies, cheesecake, and crème caramel. Samples will be served following the presentation. Registration is limited to 75 participants in this demonstration/taste-testing session. Please call 847-965-4220 to sign up.

Kraig Kenning

Sunday, November 10, at 2 pm

Singer/songwriter/National Slide Guitar Champion Kraig Kenning performs a unique blend of folk, blues and pop described as "spiritually soothing to the soul." Join us for a spellbinding performance of contemporary American music on Sunday, November 10, at 2 pm. Seating is limited; reservations are required. Please call 847-965-4220 to make your reservations.



Kraig Kenning, National Slide Guitar Champion

Holiday Reading

The Library has been planning ahead for the holidays! We've stocked our shelves with new books full of great ideas to help you make gifts, bake, decorate, and plan parties for the season.

Get a head start on holiday bake sales with *Mom's Big Book of Baking: 200 Simple, Foolproof Recipes for Delicious Family Treats to Get You through Every Birthday Party, Class Picnic, Potluck, Bake Sale, Holiday, and No-School Day.* Better Homes & Gardens has just published *Christmas Comfort & Joy: 501 Crafts, Decorating, and Food Ideas to Make Your Holiday Unforgettable.*

Love crafts? Decorate your home with a little help from *A Handcrafted Christmas: Creating a Welcoming Home for the Holidays,* Martha Stewart's *Classic Crafts and Recipes Inspired by the Songs of Christmas* or *Easy Christmas Projects You Can Paint. Nell Hill's Christmas at Home* is full of wonderful decorating ideas from Nell Hill, the widely admired home furnishings shop in Kansas.

Practice for a holiday sing-a-long with these new music books: *Ultimate Christmas: 100 Seasonal Favorites, A Romantic Christmas,* and *A Charlie Brown Christmas.*

Two new books provide comprehensive information about Jewish holidays: *Judaism for Everyone: Renewing Your Life through the Vibrant Lessons of Jewish Faith* by Shmuel Boteach and *The Everything Judaism Book: A Complete Primer to the Jewish Faith – from Holidays and Rituals to Traditions and Culture.*

Is There a Housing Bubble? Presented by William Sluis

Wednesday, November 6, at 7 pm

What financial and housing trends are emerging and how do those trends affect investments and the real estate market? Join us on Wednesday, November 6, at 7 pm, when William Sluis, editor of the *New Homes* section of the *Chicago Tribune,* discusses current housing trends in the Chicago area and nation-wide. Seating is limited and registration is required. Please call 847-965-4220 to make your reservations.

Babysitting Basics

Monday, November 18, & Wednesday, November 20, 3:45-5 pm

Morton Grove students age 12 and over are eligible to sign up for this two-day workshop, Monday, Nov. 18, and Wed., Nov. 20, from 3:45 to 5 pm, presented at the Library by the Morton Grove Fire Department and the Morton Grove Police Department. The workshop helps to prepare babysitters for the responsibilities of caring for young children. Practical tips for planning activities, the babysitter's role in emergency situations, and safety for children are emphasized. Registration is required; please call 965-4220, or stop by the Reference Services Desk. Non-Morton Grove residents can sign up on a waiting list and will be notified by phone if there is space available.

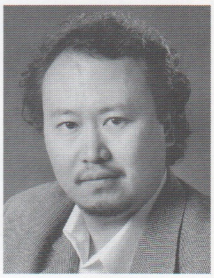
Toy Trains and Teddy Bears

Wednesday, November 20, at 7 pm
Registration begins October 28

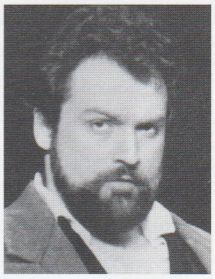
Mike and Marlene Moore, owners of Trains and Toys of Yesterday in Morton Grove, will present a multi-faceted program on *Toy Trains and Teddy Bears in Your Past,* including exhibits and appraisals of trains brought by participants. Mrs. Moore will present a special discussion in recognition of the hundred-year anniversary of teddy bears. Seating is limited; registration is required. Please call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk to make your reservations.

The Other Three Tenors

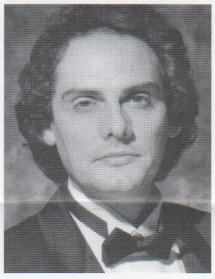
Sunday, December 15, at 2 pm
Registration begins November 11



Simon Kyung Lee



Franco Martorana

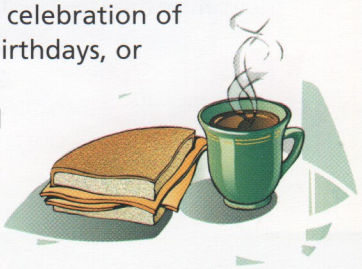


Lubomir Stanov

Come to the library to celebrate the holidays when the *Other Three Tenors* perform the best of Italian arias, Broadway musicals and Viennese operetta on Sunday, December 15, at 2 pm. Each of the three talented tenors has performed in many countries individually, as well as in a variety of venues with the trio. The voices of Franco Martorana, Simon Kyung Lee and Lubomir Stanov will provide a musical afternoon sure to delight you. Refreshments will be served following the performance. Seating is limited; beginning November 11, please call 847-965-4220 to make your reservations. Priority is given to Morton Grove residents.

Lunchtime Videos

Lunchtime Videos is a weekly program that provides both entertainment and education, plus light refreshments! **Every Tuesday at 11:30 am**, one or two videos are shown in the Baxter Room. Topics range from documentaries to travelogues, biographies to comedians' performances. You can bring your lunch or just join us for sweet treats served with coffee. Once a month, there is a special celebration of holidays, birthdays, or significant events and a feature film is shown.



Great Children's Books for Gift Giving

Parents and grandparents, if you are wondering what to buy for that special child this holiday season, here are a few recommendations from the staff of the Children's Department. For children in the intermediate grades, ***Lemony Snicket: The Unauthorized Autobiography*** carries on the same tongue-in-cheek humor so prevalent in all of the books in the *Series of Unfortunate Events.*

Preschoolers through about second grade will delight in the humor of ***Bertie Was a Watchdog,*** written by Rick Walton and illustrated by Arthur Robbins. In this story, Bertie, a very small dog, uses his brain to outsmart a robber, proving that size isn't everything.

Baby Gets the Zapper, a picture book by Ted DeWan, is one that will have adults laughing, especially if they have known a toddler who likes pressing buttons on the remote control, and will amuse the very young with its charming, bright pictures.

The House in the Mail, by Rosemary and Tom Wells and illustrated by Dan Andreasen, is written in diary format and made to resemble a scrapbook. It is an intriguing historical look at mail-order homes of the early 1900s.

Teen Advisory Board Forming

The Morton Grove Public Library is pleased to announce the formation of a new group: the Teen Advisory Board. A preliminary meeting was held in September and new members are encouraged to participate. In October, the group sponsored an art contest and a program on comic book art. The Teen Advisors will meet monthly and will be involved in planning teen events at the Library. Students in grades 7-12 can join. Please contact Melissa Rice, Young Adult Librarian, at 847-965-4220 for additional information.

Children in grade four and above will enjoy the excitement and suspense of a trilogy by Margaret Haddix. ***Among the Hidden*** explores a future in which the law limits families to just two children. Luke, the third child, must be hidden in the attic. In ***Among the Imposters,*** Luke, under an assumed name, enters boarding school where he must adapt to having people around him after having been isolated from birth. ***Among the Betrayed,*** the latest in the series, introduces another "third" child, Nina, who is arrested by the Population Police and must decide whether to risk death or betray others.

Holiday Craft Sessions

On **Friday, November 22**, join us in the Children's Room for holiday crafts designed for specific age groups.

- 10 am: Preschool-age children and their caregivers
- 4 pm: Children in kindergarten through grade 6

Each child will have the opportunity to choose one of several holiday craft projects. Register at the Children's Desk or call 847-965-4220 beginning November 1.

Team Up for Good Reading!

Readers, be a member of a Sports Team. Earn points for your team while earning "dollars" to spend on items on display in the Sports Store window at the Library. Registration begins on **Saturday, November 16, 2002.** Stop at the Children's Desk to sign up, join a team, and receive your team folder. Read books or magazines, listen to audiobooks, tapes or CDs; time yourself, then turn in your score sheet at the library each week. There will be bi-weekly prize drawings throughout the course of the game, which will end on March 8, 2003. Readers on the winning team and MVPs of other teams will be treated to a pizza party at the Library on Saturday, March 15, 2003. Pre-readers, come to the Library and join the "Play with Me!" Read-to-Me Game.

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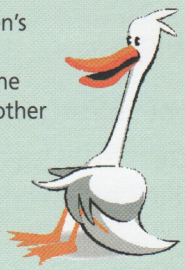


Webster is the Children's Department mascot! Webster appears on the Kids' webrary and in other Library publications.

Children's Classes

Summer session will begin the week of June 17. Enrollment is limited and begins June 1. Priority is given to Morton Grove residents with a valid library card. Non-residents will be put on a waiting list and notified by phone if there is space available. Spring classes end the week of May 6.

Library Playtime

for 2-Year-Olds & Parents

Thursday 10:30 am

Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Preschool Storytime

Please choose one of the following times for ages 3 – Kindergarten (please, no underage siblings):

Wednesday 10 am

Thursday 6:45 pm

Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff

Grades 1-2

Monday 7 pm

Class limit – 12

Creative Writing

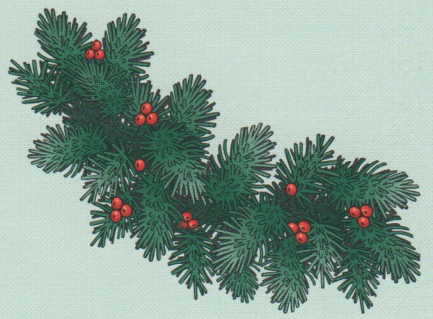
Grades 3-6

Tuesday 4:30 pm

Class limit – 30

Reminder:

Parents and Caregivers: Children under the age of 8 may not be left unattended in the Library or at special programs. Please plan your Library visits so that you can stay with your children.



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Every Tuesday at 10 am – *Read to Me!*
Every Tuesday at 11:30 am – *Lunchtime Videos*

November 2002 Events

Date & Time	*Free Programs*
11/3 Sun. 2 pm	*Cutting the Red Tape:* registration required
11/4 Mon. 7 pm	*Holiday Desserts* registration required
11/6 Wed. 7 pm	*Is There a Housing Bubble?* registration required
11/7 Thurs. 7 pm	*Introduction to the Internet, Part 1 of 2:* registration required
11/9 Sat. 10 am	*PowerPoint*: registration required
11/10 Sun. 2 pm	*Kraig Kenning in Concert:* registration required
11/11 Mon. 11 am 2:30 & 7 pm	Monday Movie: Baseball Family Film rated G, 118 minutes
11/13 Wed. 1:30 pm	Low Vision Book Discussion: *Bee Season* by Myla Goldberg
11/14 Thurs. 7 pm	*Introduction to the Internet, Part 2 of 2* registration required
11/14 Thurs. 7:45 pm	Library Board Meeting
11/17 Sun. 2 pm	Lyric Opera lecture: *Sweeney Todd*
11/18 Mon. 3:45 pm	*Babysitting Basics, Part 1 of 2:* registration required
11/20 Wed. 3:45 pm	*Babysitting Basics, Part 2 of 2:* registration required
11/20 Wed. 7pm	*Toy Trains and Teddy Bears in Your Past:* registration required
11/28 Thurs.	**Closed for Thanksgiving Day**

December 2002 Events

12/6 Fri.	**Closed for Staff Inservice Day**
12/8 Sun. 2 pm	Lyric Opera Lecture on *Thais*
12/11 Wed. 1:30 pm	Low Vision Book Discussion: *The Bonesetter's Daughter* by Amy Tan
12/12 Thurs. 7:45 pm	Library Board Meeting
12/14 Sat. 2 pm	Special Matinee: Family Film Rated PG, 94 minutes
12/15 Sun. 2 pm	*The Other Three Tenors:* registration required
12/16 Mon. 11 am 2:30 & 7 pm	Monday Movie: British Murder Mystery Rated R, 137 minutes
12/24 Tues.	**Closed for Christmas Eve**
12/25 Wed.	**Closed for Christmas Day**
12/31 Tues.	**Library Closes at 5 pm for New Year's Eve**

Check out our complete calendar on the Web at www.webrary.org/inside/calcurr.html

Art Exhibits

November

Mary Sass paints in oil; her subjects range from portraits of animals and people to landscapes and skyscapes. She studied at the Art Institute of Chicago, Halstead Portrait Academy, the Village Art School and the Evanston Art Center.

In between productions, the Organic Theater Company's artistic director, Ina Marlowe, creates decorative glass. Examples of her painted plates, vases, and ornaments will be displayed in the Library's Lincoln Ave. entry.

December

Edward McCarron presents an exhibit of paintings and drawings entitled *Faces of Art* in the Baxter Room, Dec. 1 through 31. Dr. McCarron, a retired physician, has studied portraiture with Richard Halstead at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center in Evanston.

Handmade quilts are displayed in the Lincoln Avenue entry by Helga Scherer, a Library staff member. The quilts were made by her mother, Kitty Scherer, an assistant herbalist at the Enfield Shaker Museum in Enfield, N.H. Her quilt designs are strongly influenced by her natural surroundings and the Shaker tradition of simplicity.

Lyric Opera Lectures

Members of the Skokie Valley Chapter of the Lyric Opera present discussions of selected operatic performances during the current season. Check the next issue of *Books & Beyond* for information about two additional Lyric Opera lectures scheduled for January 12 and 19.

Sunday, November 17, 2 pm: *Sweeney Todd*

Jesse Gram discusses the story of *Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, who returns to London after 15 years of unjust imprisonment. Todd seeks revenge on a corrupt judge who raped his wife and stole his daughter.

Sunday, December 8, 2 pm: *Thaïs*

Barbara Roseman discusses the romantic opera, *Thaïs*, a love story of Alexandria's most sought-after voluptuary and a Cenobite monk who has dedicated his life to religious service.

Monday Movies

Shown at 11 am, 2:30 pm, and 7 pm

New licensing agreements have greatly expanded the available films from which the Library can select Monday Movie titles. However, the agreements prevent publicizing the titles in *Books & Beyond*. For each movie below, a brief synopsis is provided that should help to identify the films. Film titles will be posted in the Library. To check titles, please call the Library's Reference Services Desk.

November 11: Baseball Family Film, G, 129 min.
Dennis Quaid stars as the coach of a high school baseball team who dreamed of pitching in the majors when he was a teenager. The high school team urges him to try out for the majors, where, to his surprise, he becomes a star rookie pitcher.

December 16: British Murder Mystery, R, 137 min.
Robert Altman directed this film, which takes place at Gosford Park, the British country house of Sir William and Lady Sylvia McOrdle (Michael Gambon and Kristin Scott Thomas). A houseful of aristocratic guests has arrived for a party, while below stairs an army of servants has their own social order. Half the people in the house have a motive for the murder that takes place – a complicated challenge for investigators.

Family Film: Saturday, December 14, at 2 pm
This film, directed by Pete Jones, takes place on the North Side of Chicago in the summer of 1976. Pete O'Malley (Adi Stein), a Roman Catholic, becomes friends with the rabbi's son, Danny, who has leukemia. They steal time to be together, in an effort to keep their summer as normal as possible. Aidan Quinn plays Pete's fireman father and Bonnie Hunt is Pete's mother, Margaret.

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Tuesday, December 31 – Library closes early, at 5 pm
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